



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:
Chris Felcman et al.

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
MOUNTING A KEYBOARD AND
DISPLAY ASSEMBLY IN A 1U
RACK SPACE

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Dear Sir:

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

In the Notice of Allowance and fee(s) due mailed on May 9, 2005, the Examiner provided the following Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

With respect to claims 23 and 33, the prior art fails to show or suggest a rack mount computing system or a method for rack mounting, respectively, whereby the rack spaces are "1U" thick. It is noted that it would not have been obvious to have provided the rack structure with spaces having the size and thickness of 1U, since there is no teaching and/or motivation of such a size. With respect to claims 60 and 72, the prior art of record fails to show or suggest a rack mount computing system or a method for rack mounting, respectively, "consisting essentially" of the elements recited therein the claims. It is noted that there is no motivation to provided just the elements recited therein.

Applicants agree that the present claims are allowable over the prior art of record. However, Applicants believe that the subject matter set forth in the present claims distinguishes over the prior art of record for various reasons, not merely for the reasons set forth by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's comments should not

be considered in a limiting manner. Furthermore, in regard to claims that contain the transitional phrase "consisting essentially of," Applicants disagree with the Examiner's statement that there is no motivation to provide "just the elements recited therein" to the extent that such language is unduly limiting and is not in conformance with the proper interpretation of this transitional phrase.

Respectfully submitted,

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